State Government for enactment of legislation. So far 8 States/Union territories have enacted legislation in their respective States. Action has already been initiated by 20 States/Union Territories. 7 States/Union Territories have taken a view that such legislation is not necessary.

The Finance Minister in his budget Speech 2007-08 has announced a scheme for ground water recharge through diversion of rainwater in "dug wells" which provides for 100% subsidy to small & medium farmers and 50% subsidy to other farmers.

(d) Does not arise.

Minor irrigation programmes

1639. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in launching a comprehensive national programme for minor irrigation of all lands owned by Dalits and Adivasis, as assured in the NCMP of Government;

(b) whether such programme is not launched so far, what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) who is responsible for not launching such programme meant for SCs and STs in rural India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In view of the Provisions in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) that the Government will launch a comprehensive national programme for minor irrigation of all lands owned by Dalits and Adivasis, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has initiated a special programme to provide 100 percent financial assistance to states for taking up minor irrigation schemes for lands owned by STs during 2005-06. For the purpose, the Planning Commission had earmarked an amount of Rs. 50 crore during 2005-06 and Rs. 150 crore during 2006-07 in the budget of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.